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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
Shai-San Gong et al.	:	Vo, Lilian
Serial No.: 09/316,754	:	Group Art Unit: 2127
Filed: May 21, 1999	:	
Title: EFFICIENT SCHEMA FOR	:	Intellectual Property Law
STORING MULTI-VALUE	:	IBM Corporation
ATTRIBUTES IN A DIRECTORY	:	11400 Burnet Road
SERVICE BACKING STORE	:	Austin, Texas 78758

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 20, 2004 (Paper No. 11), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 20, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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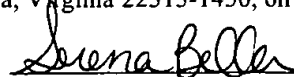
Sir:

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Total Claims:	8	-	23	0	x \$18 =	\$ 0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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